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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 07781.0013-01  
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In re Application of: )  
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Application No.: 09/987,356 ) Examiner: Sterrett, Jonathan G.  
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Filed: November 14, 2001 ) Confirmation No.: 6942  
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For: VALUE CHAIN OPTIMIZATION )  
SYSTEM AND METHOD )

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

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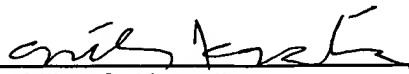
Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of June 13, 2006. The items checked below are appropriate:

☒ The claims are calculated below:

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Subtotal						\$ 0
Reduction by ½ if small entity						- 0
TOTAL						\$ 0

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: September 13, 2006

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**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action mailed June 13, 2006, the period for response to which extends through September 13, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment section and begin on page 18 of this paper.